

HAINES SOLID WASTE WORKING GROUP MEETING MINUTES AUG 16, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by chair Melissa Aronson.

Members present were: Melissa Aronson, Chair, Haines Friends of Recycling; Reilly Kosinski at large; Tom Morphet at large; Craig Franke Community Waste Solutions.

Others present were: Paul Rogers and Carol Tuynman of the Borough Assembly, Andrew Letchworth, and Max Graham CVN

Melissa announced a fishnet recycling event to be held at Haines Friends of Recycling Center on Sept 10-11, and Oct 8-9 from 10:00 – 4:00 each day. Prices are \$ 15/Net

Agenda items to be discussed were:

1. What proposal SWWG wants to take to the Borough
2. What to do with Compost in light of one of the major recipient/users has ceased accepting it.

Melissa also discussed the decision of the SWWG from the July Meeting to seek further guidance from the Assembly RE: the scope and purpose of the group.

CWS presented a proposal to the group for a centralized collection station to be staffed on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm to allow Borough residents 6 days per week to get rid of food bearing waste (3 days at the landfill and 3 days at a centralized collection station).

Craig from CWS outlined the elements of the proposal and stated the purpose would be to allow residents the opportunity to get rid of food bearing waste during the MWF event but that all other inert waste, electronics, recycling, construction & demo debris, tires, batteries, etc. will still have to be brought to the landfill on open days (Tu, Th, Sat). The system would be a “per bag” system and would also be a cashless, voucher, system with pre-printed vouchers provided by CWS. All waste would be required to be in compostable bags. The Borough would have to guarantee CWS a minimum of \$ 750. / day.

Part of the proposal also entails co-op advertising with a 50% cost share by the Borough for advertising to promote the collection site and for an educational outreach dealing with waste separation and cost savings.

Paul Rogers suggested we could enlist the aid of the school in helping disseminate the message on separation recycling.

Motion by Tom to review the CWS proposal for further discussion at the next SWWG meeting.

Motion seconded by Reilly and passed unanimously.

Next meeting of the SWWG is set for Sept. 3 at 4:00 for further discussion and/or recommendation to Borough regarding proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.